
The Darjeeling Café

Staunton, Virginia

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. *Virginia Green* has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, *Virginia Green* encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations; and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

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"The Darjeeling is a small restaurant in Staunton, Virginia. We are eco-sensitive and committed to using local foods to provide our customers with some of the healthiest food choices around."

Green Statement: "I have been 'green' since I opened, but wanted to make it official. I cannot in good faith operate a business that is not environmentally friendly and health oriented."

CORE ACTIVITIES for Restaurants

☑ This symbol indicates a required activity for Virginia Green Restaurant facilities. Participants self-certify that they activities are in place and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to **The Darjeeling Cafe** can expect the following practices:

☑ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green Restaurant must recycle Glass Bottles and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This restaurant pledges that they:

- Recycle: glass, aluminum cans, plastic, office paper, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies
- Have numeric goal to reduce overall materials that go to the landfill
- Compost waste food and other compostables
- Purchase locally-grown produce and other foods whenever possible
- Purchase organic and sustainably grown foods
- Use reusable dishware and glassware and minimize use of disposables
- Provide condiments in bulk
- Use water pitchers and filtered water to minimize single use bottles
- Use menus and table placards as an opportunity to communicate green activities
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Use a last-in/first-out inventory and labeling system
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Make 2-sided copies/ printed materials
- Use electronic correspondence and billing

☑ **Styrofoam/Disposables Minimization.** Participants are encouraged to minimize use of all disposables and eliminate the use of Styrofoam products for take-out and left-overs. This restaurant pledges that they:

- Use disposable containers made from bio-based materials, recycled content paper, and that are compostable and/or recyclable

☒ **Grease Recycling.** The facility must collect and recycle grease or use a grease filtering company to greatly reduce grease waste (and cost). This restaurant pledges that they:

- No grease is used

☒ **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This restaurant pledges that they:

- Have a numeric goal to reduce water consumption over time
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have high efficiency dishwashers:
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweeping first)
- Save all leftover water and tea to water plants throughout the dining room

☒ **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This restaurant pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills
- Have a numeric goal of how much they want to reduce their energy usage over time
- Calculate the pollution factors of their energy usage
- Have considered upgrading to an Energy Star Commercial Kitchen Package
- Use natural lighting
- Rent in a 'green building' that is committed to green energy and sustainable landscaping
- Purchase energy efficient appliance and equipment when replacing something

For more information on **The Darjeeling Cafe**, see www.darjeelingcafe.com or contact **Mary Beth Harris** at thedarjeelingcafe@gmail.com or **540-213-0066**.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen or www.viriniagreentravel.org.



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